



# *Ministry of Biblical Studies*

DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY SERIES

**December 4th - Advent: The Promise of Hope**

# ADVENT

A SEASON OF EXPECTATION



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# Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church Ministry of Biblical Study Classes

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## **"Advent: The Promise of Hope"**

11:00am - 11:45am

### **Introduction:**

In this class, we will understand the significance of hope in the Advent season and how it serves as a foundation for our faith, joy, and trust in God's promises.

### **Key Scripture Passages:**

#### **1. Isaiah 9:6-7 (The Promise of a Savior)**

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.."*

#### **2. Romans 15:13 (Hope through God's Power)**

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

### **Understanding Hope in Advent:**

- Biblical definition of hope: Confident expectation based on God's promises.
- Hope as a cornerstone of Advent: God's promise of redemption and restoration.

## **The Promise of Hope in Scripture:**

- Old Testament promises (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14).
- Fulfillment in Christ (Luke 2:10-11, John 1:14).

## **How Hope Sustains Us:**

- Hope in times of waiting and uncertainty.
- Hope as a light in darkness (Psalm 130:5-7).
- Reflect on a time when hope sustained you during a challenging season.
- Share how God's promises gave strength during that time.

## **Guiding Questions:**

- What does hope mean to you personally?
- How does Advent remind us to hold onto hope in today's world?

## **Practical Steps to Live in Hope:**

- Daily meditation on God's promises (e.g., write down a promise each day).
- Practice gratitude to recognize the hope already fulfilled in your life.
- Share the message of hope with someone in need.

## **Challenge for the Week:**

- Identify one area in your life where you need to hold onto hope and find a corresponding promise from Scripture.

## **Closing Prayer:**

- Thanking God for the gift of hope through Jesus Christ.
- Asking for renewed hope as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth.

## Reflection Verse:

- Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

## Key Scriptures:

- Isaiah 9:6-7 – The promise of the Messiah.
- Romans 15:13 – God as the source of hope.
- Psalm 130:5-7 – Waiting on the Lord.
- Jeremiah 29:11 – Hope in God’s plans.
- Luke 2:10-11 – The fulfillment of hope in Christ’s birth.

## Main Points to Emphasize:

1. Hope is a promise: Rooted in God’s unchanging character and fulfilled in Jesus.
2. Hope sustains: Gives strength during trials and fuels perseverance.
3. Hope inspires action: Motivates us to share love and joy with others during the Advent season.





